

What is Stormwater?

What goes into storm drains,



flows



to our streams!

When it rains, stormwater runs over lawns, roads, and other impervious surfaces picking up pollutants along the way. This polluted water then drains to our local waterways where it can impact aquatic life and threaten drinking water supplies.

For more information about stormwater pollution prevention visit:

Metro Nashville Stormwater:
www.nashville.gov/stormwater

Metro Nashville Community Education:
<http://www.nashville.gov/Water-Services/Community-Education.aspx>

EPA:
<https://www.epa.gov/polluted-runoff-nonpoint-source-pollution>



To Report Pollution:

Call: (615) 313-PURE

Email: StormwaterQuality@nashville.gov

Stormwater Pollution Prevention for Residents

Learn how you can help keep our waterways clean and healthy!





How You Can Help...



Pick Up Pet Waste

Pet waste left in your yard will contaminate stormwater runoff with elevated levels of nutrients and dangerous bacteria such as *E. coli*.



- **Trash it!** - Pet waste can be placed in a bag and tossed into the garbage can.
 - **Flush it!** - Pet waste can be placed in the toilet by itself (no plastic bags, please).
 - **Compost it!** - Dog waste can be safely disposed of with an in-ground pet waste disposal system. Look for dog waste digesters at your local pet store.
- (Composted dog waste should not be used on edible plants.)

Keep Storm Drains, Ditches, and Street Gutters Clean and Clear



Leaves/grass clippings dumped in ditches and drains not only clog downstream culverts/bridges, but lead to an unnatural level of organic materials and potential chemicals washing into our streams, further degrading water quality.

Use Lawn Chemicals Responsibly

Excessive or improper use of fertilizers and pesticides can lead to excess nutrients and “dead zones” in our waterways.

- Apply chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
- Never apply chemicals if rain is forecasted.
- Never apply lawn chemicals on bare or eroded areas or near water sources or storm drains.

Dispose of Trash Properly



Trash blowing or washing from a property will usually end up in a stream. Additionally, items such as empty motor oil containers, paint cans, detergent bottles, etc. often contain residual product that can leak and wash into our waterways if not properly stored or disposed of. Store household product containers inside, dispose of all trash properly and keep trash receptacles closed and secure.

